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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Impact of Illegal Immigrants on Uncompensated**  
3 **Health Care**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study the Impact of Illegal  
5 Immigrants on Uncompensated Health Care; providing for the composition of  
6 the Task Force; requiring the Governor to designate the chairman of the Task  
7 Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member from  
8 receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member to receive certain  
9 reimbursement; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task  
10 Force to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by a  
11 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to  
12 a Task Force to Study the Impact of Illegal Immigrants on Uncompensated  
13 Health Care.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study the Impact of Illegal Immigrants on  
17 Uncompensated Health Care.

18 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

19 (1) five members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
20 of the Senate;

21 (2) five members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
22 the House;

23 (3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's  
24 designee;

25 (4) five members, appointed by the Governor, who are experts in the  
26 field of immigration law or health care; and

27 (5) five consumer members, appointed by the Governor.

1 (c) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.

2 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of  
3 Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

4 (e) A member of the Task Force:

5 (1) may not receive compensation; but

6 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
7 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

8 (f) The Task Force shall:

9 (1) study the impact of illegal immigrants on health care providers in the  
10 State;

11 (2) study the effect of illegal immigrants on the cost of health care in the  
12 State;

13 (3) ascertain the amount and cost of services that health care  
14 practitioners and institutions provide to illegal immigrants; and

15 (4) make recommendations regarding legislation to address problems  
16 documented by the Task Force.

17 (g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
18 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the  
19 General Assembly, on or before December 1, 2004.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
21 effect July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of  
22 December 31, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
23 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.